



November Newsletter

Calvary Chapel Fernley

"A Family of Believers, Growing Together"

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PJ's Corner – Stand by for an eclectic few moments:

I am so excited about what is coming up. I know Christmas and Russia 07 seem to loom large but I am actually getting excited about our studying the Book of Hebrews together. The plan is to start when I return from Russia. With the new March date we have more time to savor 2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon, and I like that. But Hebrews is coming and what an exciting book. There is such uniqueness to it; such a wealth and depth of teaching.

But the other events that are upcoming are exciting too: Christmas itself, our Annual Candlelight Service, the additional beauty of the seasonal decorations bring to the Sanctuary, the Children's play, Communion on Sunday Christmas Eve, Thanksgiving, The Outreach, just a beautiful time of year.

Then there is the Mission Trip to Russia. It gets its own mention in the Newsletter.

What else? As I type this, all of the bureaucracy of the name change is nearly complete. The affiliation process with Calvary Chapel Outreach Fellowships is finished. Also we are nearly complete all of the clean up work of the constitution rewrite is almost complete. In fact, the Board of Directors will be finishing up the Policy Manual in November and that should just about wrap up that two year project. Wow and whew and a great big thank you to all who with the Lord have helped me tackle these mountains.

Last week during the Sunday teaching, as I finished looking at 1 Timothy 5 there was a verse about those whose work is not seen, but will be. When you stop and look we have many 'silent servants' here. They need your help. For example in the nursery; she needs two dependable workers each week and enough to provide a five-week rotation. Sometimes she is in the nursery for three consecutive weeks because people fail to arrange for a substitute or

just don't show up. Is this fair or Christ-like? But we could not do what we do without her, and those many others who prepare communion, who handle the donations, who just pray, who greet you at the door, who clean the bathrooms, who set up and tear down the rooms for their various functions, and those special few who just see a need and fill it.

We do have some ministry needs; maybe one of them is the stretch you need.... Lets talk...

PJ

What is C³AP³, and can I be a part?

You may have noticed C³AP³ in the weekly bulletin and wondered, "What is that?". Well, C³A is Calvary Chapel Christian Academy.

But what is C³AP³? Calvary Chapel Christian Academy Pizza Prayer Progress

We meet once a month to pray for the Lord's guidance on whether or not to start the school, and to review progress on what ground work we are doing while waiting.

This month we reviewed a visit to Faith Christian Academy in Gardnerville and planned to have several of those present to do a follow up visit this next month.

The visit was incredible; their initial visions and goals were the same as ours: quality, licensed Christ-centered education. Their implementation plan was the same as ours. As we discussed C³A, they became as excited about our possibilities as we are. They told of the 'miracles' that lined the way for them. Finally, they [are] Nevada's model of how to start a Private Licensed School and they are making all of their documentation available to assist us.

Please join us this month, 'sign up' so we have enough pizza and 'show up', you don't have to be an educator but if you are it will help. You don't have to have kids, just have to love them.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/31 Halloween Outreach
 - 11/04 Couples' Retreat
 - 11/06 Board Meeting 7:00PM
 - 11/11 Men's Breakfast
 - 11/20-25 – NO BIBLE STUDIES / AWANA / YOUTH / PLAY PRACTICE – SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILIES!
 - 11/23 Thanksgiving
 - 11/29 Newsletter
- ## EXTENDED FORECAST
- 12/09 Ladies Koininia
 - 12/10 Christmas Play
 - 12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 - 3/7-27 Russia Trip

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Sundays

- 9:45 AM Morning Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (k-6th)
- 5:00 PM Home Bible Studies

Monday (alternating)

- 7:00 PM 1st – Home Bible Study Leadership Meeting
- 7:00 PM 2nd – Awana Leaders' Meeting
- 7:00 PM 3rd – Men's Prayer
- 7:00 PM 4th – Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM 5th – Missions Committee

Tuesdays

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Project Linus meets on the last Tues. of the Month at 100 Country Ranch Road
- 7:00 PM Systematic Theology Bible Study / Youth Group – 24-7 Christmas Play Practice

Wednesdays

- 1:00 PM Sr. Bible Study
- 7:00 PM AWANA

Thursday

- 6:30 PM Worship Team Practice
- 7:30 PM AA meets in the MPR

“Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow.”

Swedish Proverb

Russia Trip 2007

As I was writing this the trip was delayed from January until March 7th - 27th. It was also a sad E-mail about the two churches we have worked together with as well. One has lost their pastor and the other finds itself without a building to meet in. Please be in prayer for them both.

Praise the Lord, Bob has received his passport. Because of your generosity we are funded as much as we have to be at this moment. We have all of the funding for the initial bureaucracy and for the plane fares. This is about \$2,000 or about 1/3 of the total need. In previous editions we detailed the funding, but the total need remains about \$6,400.00.

The joy of short-term missions is experienced not explained. This is my fourth trip to Central Russia; I am more excited than any of the previous trips. We will be doing more one on one within small groups this trip. As this will be Bob's first trip, I am certain his apprehension is equal to his excitement.

There is nothing like the excitement of getting off of a plane in Moscow. First, the long walk to and through the Plexiglas Corridor to and through passport control and then customs. Then, with a point and a grunt you are out of 'Security and Bureaucracy Land' and suddenly the culture shock of entering Russia. You depart customs smack into a wall of cigarette smoke and faces, a din of language where not one word makes sense, other travelers greeting one another; it is an event not to be missed.

Is it worth it? There is no description to define the impact of a short-term mission trip. It is life changing for all, us traveling and them there as well. I still hear them: 'Wow! Someone came halfway around the world to share Jesus' love with me.', 'I never thought I would even meet an

American, let alone have one in my home and at my table.', 'Thank you', 'Spashiba', 'Es'bogum'... Smiles which never leave your heart; even now remembering them; I am basking in the joy of Russian smiles.

Kirk Selby is coordinating our most pressing need, prayer, thank you. Please join him and us in prayer, because as you pray you are a part of all we do. We really feel them and see their effects.

During this trip we will be planning the next two trips: another short term teaching trip in about a year later, and a women's conference during the Summer of 2008. Maybe one of these trips includes you. Be in prayer for those planning sessions.

There is also another short-term mission trip in the infant stages. This one is not halfway around the world; just a few thousand miles to the south... Maybe you.

Then, there is the incredible mission field right outside of our doors. That one is for us all.

MK Christmas Special!

You have never heard a talk show like this one before! Many of our children are practicing long hours to bring you a show about how missionaries take the message of Christmas all over the world. We will talk to MK's from Japan, the Caribbean, Australia, and the Ukraine, to name a few. They will be sharing how each missionary shares the love of Christ in a way that the culture they are ministering to will understand, such as the Good Shepard (Australia) and the Living Water (Caribbean). There are some great songs, fun dialogue and kids who are learning more about the Lord of the whole Earth. Please be praying for these kids as they learn many new things. Pray for: *Hannah Saxe, Holly Saxe, Stacy Miller, Devon Breen, Alex Breen, Noah Breen, Kelsey McKay, Ryan Wilson, Gabe Wilson,*

Joey Alessi, Alicen Herron, Zeph Grocholski, and others who join later. Also, if you would be willing to bring a snack (for about 15 kids) on Tuesday evening, please see Vicki Gale.

The performance will be December 10 in the morning service. Keep us in your prayers.

Church Leadership

Church office hours Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-2:30

Pastor: Joe Gale

Assoc. Pastor: Jeremiah Loubet

Elders: Ted Saxe, Tom McKay, Leland McIlvain

Deacons: Dave Tustin, Andy Breen, Bill Criss, Dave Dunham, Robert Herron, Flint Smith, Bob Wilson

Admin. Assistant: Shawna Miller

Awana Commander: Andy Breen

Bible Study Leaders: Vicki Gale, Robert Herron, Lois McKay, Ron McKay, Ted Saxe, Bob Wilson

Dir. of Christian Ed.: Jerald Miller

Financial Secretary: Linda McIlvain

Food Closet: Christina Herron

Hospitality&Food Serv: Fran McKay

In-reach Outreach: Anne Tillman

Married Ministry Fel.: Bill Criss, Dale & Della Dunham

Rotating Fellowship: Charlene McFarlane

Secret Sisters: Becky Sturgeon

Welcome Ministry: Robert Herron

Worship Team Leader: Bob Wilson

"A realist is an idealist who has gone through the fire and been purified. A skeptic is an idealist who has gone through the fire and been burned."

Warren W. Wiersbe

November Birthdays

11-07 Ryan Gullett
11-08 Noah Breen
11-14 Judy Korte
11-15 Becky Windle
11-16 Lisa McElroy
11-16 Bob Wilson
11-18 Tony Tillman
11-20 Erica Klise
11-24 Tom McKay
11-26 Renee Breen
11-26 Jessica Dunham
11-28 Mark Grocholski

11-30 Taylor Saxe
11-30 Holly Saxe
11-30 Cassandra Tillman

November Anniversaries

11-06 Cory & Scarlett McCain
11-28 John & Michelle Mackler

Bible Study Updates

Systematic Theology Class Schedule

Doctrines of Christ and the Holy Spirit

Oct. 31st - **No Bible Study**

Nov. 7th - The Atonement

Nov. 14th - The Atonement Continued

Nov. 21st - **No Bible Study**

Nov. 28th - Resurrection & Ascension

Marriage Devotional

Saturday, November 4th

8:30AM – 4:40PM

Join us for a day of rejuvenation, fun and fellowship at our Couple's Retreat. The cost is \$30.00 per couple, and the price includes: retreat materials, a continental breakfast, and lunch. Child care will be provided.

Agreeing Hearts Woman's Prayer Ministry

Ladies, are you interested in being a part of real spiritual renewal in our fellowship? Since we started our ministry last August, I have seen some amazing things take place. I have seen friends I have been inviting come to church. I have seen Awana grow. I have seen the leadership strengthen and mature.

This is a simple but vital ministry. It is as simple and as important as breathing to the spiritual life of our church. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Whale Room for prayer. It will require getting to church 30 minutes earlier, but the benefits are beyond worth because they have eternal value.

The new schedules for going forward at the end of service for any prayer needs are available on the back table. Even if you are not on the list for that Sunday, please join us in lifting our hearts in praise and supplication to the God of all creation.

Food Closet Ministry

THANKSGIVING IS ONLY 25 DAYS
AWAY!!

Looking for a way to help your fellow man this holiday season? Consider helping with the Calvary Chapel Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Last year we helped over 100 families. With a new school and an increase in population, we are looking at a higher mark this year. If you are interested in helping or know of a family in need, please contact Christina Herron or a member of the CCF staff.

The Prayer Closet

I don't know about ya'll, but this is the toughest time of the year for me when it comes to getting out of bed in the dark...and kneeling down for a good morning devotion. It just seems so inviting to stay a few extra minutes...even if I am wide awake, snuggled deep inside those covers. I know I am loved by the Lord Jesus so much...He tolerates my sluggardly behavior, as His Spirit calls to me from 1 Thessalonians.

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit, **1 Thes. 5:17-19.**

How does that happen? Pray without ceasing...??? Well I can certainly do that when I am in the throws of some dire catastrophe...when my life is burning down around me...when I am the bug and the world is the windshield...Man, I am on my knees...begging for some Grace and Mercy and Deliverance...But when it's so warm and cozy and so dark and cold outside, HMMM just seems unnatural somehow.

But isn't that just like the world...Isn't it more alluring and seductive to remain in our comfort zone; to do things that give us pleasure instead of stretch our boundaries, challenge our

limitations or create a little discomfort for the greater good.

I thank the Lord that He spurs me as I lay there with, "Quench not the Spirit!" Though it is cold and it is dark and uncomfortable...Though I could sleep peacefully (or so I wish), the reward is in the doing...the gift that awaits is priceless. I know that just down the hall...my solace waits for me...my heart begins to revive, my blurry eyes widen, only to close once again as I assume the position...and I start my day with Him...

Morning Father...Blessed be your Holy Name...As I begin, I know His grace is sufficient for me...He will fill me and jump start my flesh, so that I can, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let my request be made known unto God"...and suddenly, "the peace that passes all understanding" fills my heart and "keeps my heart and mind through Christ Jesus", **Phil. 4:6-7.**

Then I know that my conversation is in heaven; **Phil. 3:20a** and my Lord hears me and holds me and warms me with His light...as I, "Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for the saints" **Eph 6:18...**

Then I begin to "Pray without ceasing; in everything giving thanks unto the Lord..." **1Thes. 5:17-18.** Watching with all perseverance...for the Saints, getting past all the junk and seeking the Lord's face for you...my family...my beloved... As I wake during prayer I begin to realize the most important part of my day has begun...The time I spend in supplication, making my request known unto God...Not as though He doesn't know already...Yet it is my

time with Him...To crawl up in my Daddy's lap and just talk with Him...Taking time to stop and listen...

I remember that one of my favorite things when I was a young boy was to sit with my dad and be a pest...give him a boy's affection; a son's love...I know our bond grew so strong during those times...And I know, that when I spend that time now on my knees...My Abba...loves me more than I can ever comprehend...and He waits for me to call His name, seek after Him...and when I find Him...I crawl up in His lap and am held in His faithful arms of love...and I can think of doing nothing more than talking to Him...non-stop...

Oh my, that's it! If I stay wrapped in His arms...it is so easy to, "Pray with[out] ceasing!" Have your said your prayers today...I hope you will.

K. S.

Commanders Corner

Thank you for your Prayers! This club year started off great and has only gotten better. We continue to have new clubbers sign up each week, praise the Lord. Since club started we have been averaging 75 kids a week. As always, I encourage you to consider becoming a part of this ministry. As more and more clubbers sign up, the need for Christian leaders increases. We have already reached a point with our Trek (Junior High) Girls where it appears that we need more help. Enough on the begging for help. On the 14th of last month 15 of our 21 leaders attended Fall conference, this was a great day of training and fellowship.

My wife and I had the pleasure of taking a series of parenting classes that were lead by the missionary to the UK. Among some of the amazing testimonies were heard was one from Iraq. Before the beginning of the war there were 3 Awana clubs in this country, who knew. Now there are 12, Praise God. One of these clubs was started by an American soldier who was asked by some of the local children if he would play soccer with them. His response was "I'll play your games if you play mine." After playing soccer with them he set up an Awana game square and taught them some of the Awana games and more importantly he told them about Christ. Because of this man's desire to share the Lord 6 families came to know our Lord and Savior. And they have started their own Church. God is awesome. Not all of his stories were as encouraging, we heard how Awana has been all but kicked out of France, his explanation was that the teaching of "the blood of the cross" was too gruesome for them. It was also heartbreaking to hear that many countries are in jeopardy of losing

their clubs due to lack of funds, for \$20 a month you can be a part of Adopt-A-Club and help support one of these clubs in financial trouble (more to come on that....).

As you know the month of November is the biggest of the year for our food closet ministry. We will be doing our part with Longest Line Night. Longest Line Night is our theme night for November when we ask the clubbers to bring food for the food baskets. We line up the food they bring on each of their color lines, the team with the longest line will win a special award.

Thank you again for your prayers. When we step back and allow God to use us for His will amazing things happen.

Serving Him by serving them.

Andy Breen

Men's Breakfast

Calling all brethren of the fellowship, are you longing for pancakes that stick to the roof of your mouth? Or how about coffee so dark you can't see the bottom of the cup? It could only mean one thing – the next Calvary Chapel Men's Breakfast is fast approaching. Is your neighbor driving you nuts? Have you preached so much to that unsaved relative that he is going to clobber you with your own Bible? There is only one answer, start praying and invite him Nov. 11th 8:00am to a gathering that could quite possibly change his life. James 5:20 says, "He who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." I encourage all men to come out, bring a friend, and support this very important ministry!

In His Grip.....Brother Bob

The Home Front

If you are not involved in our home Bible studies, now is still a good time to join. We have moved to new, earlier times (5:00pm), so you don't have to stay up late on a school/work night, and we have more options.

Specifically, there is now a singles and young marrieds study meeting at Pastor Joe's house that is going through a book on community. Whether within the marriage, or in general, we can all use a biblical perspective on building relationships. This book is designed to do that, and in our home group setting we have a comfortable environment to get to know ourselves and each other better. You are always welcome. If you have any questions or if you want directions please talk to pastor Joe.

Our other Home Bible Studies are going through the "Babylonian Minors" – Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi, in two locations. For the location nearest you talk to Bob Wilson or Robert Herron.

Correspondence & Updates

Do you have questions or comments on the newsletter, or perhaps something you would like to see added? Are you in charge of a ministry or an event you would like promoted? Please e-mail or to talk to Pastor Jeremiah. The e-mail address for newsletter items is ccnewsletter@hotmail.com Please put "newsletter" as the subject. Remember that the deadline for submissions is the last Wednesday of the month. THANK YOU – ALL WHO GOT YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO ME EARLY THIS MONTH!